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NASA WALLOPS SEEKS NEW OWNER FOR COAST GUARD STATION

The NASA Wallops Flight Facility is looking for a new home for the old Coast Guard Station that has been located on the north end of Wallops Island since 1936.

The Wallops Island Station is the same architectural style as many still in existence on the Eastern Shore and the East Coast. The station is a two-story structure that measures 46 feet by 30 feet. Each floor has 1380 square feet of living space. It is a wood frame structure with exterior walls of wood shake siding on sheathing, and interior walls of wallboard and plaster. The roof is wood shake shingle on wood lath.

NASA has no mission requirement for the Station, is unable to maintain the building, but is looking for any option to move the Station instead of demolishing it.

Recognizing the local historic interest in Coast Guard operations on the Eastern Shore, NASA has been pursuing interested parties to assume ownership and move the Station to a new location where the building could be maintained, preserved, and appreciated by the public.

For the past two years NASA has been discussing these plans with organizations, but none appear to have the resources to make it happen. NASA is ready to make all the preparations to move the Station to a new location. The building could be ready to be moved in the fall of 2006. NASA is coordinating this potential move or demolition with the Virginia State Historic Preservation Officer.

Individuals or organizations that are interested, and have the resources, to assume ownership and move the Wallops Island Coast Guard Station, are encouraged to contact Keith Koehler at (757) 824-1579 or keith.a.koehler@nasa.gov by July 28, 2006.

If no interest is shown by a viable party, NASA plans to work with the state to document and archive information on the Station prior to demolition.

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